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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED AND PAID-UP) Yen 12,000,000
RESERVE FUND 7,300,000
Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.
TOKIO. KOBE.
NAGASAKI. LONDON.
LYONS. NEW YORK.
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.
BOMBAY. SHANGHAI.
TIENSIN.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
PARIS BANK, LTD.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.
" " 6 " 4 "
" " 3 " 3 "
" S. CHOH, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899. [38]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS \$800,000
RESERVE FUND \$500,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" " 6 " 3 "

" " 3 " 2 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. [31]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$1,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman.

N. A. STILES, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

E. Goetz, Esq.

A. Haupt, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.

R. H. Hill, Esq. P. Sachse, Esq.

The Hon. J. J. Keswick. E. Shellim, Esq.

A. McConachie, Esq. R. Shewan, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—Sir THOMAS JACKSON.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 3% per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3% per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4% per Cent. per Annum.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1899. [39]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits allowed at 3 PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1899. [10]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1866.

Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$5,000,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.

CANTON. JANKOW.
CHEFOO. PEKING.
CHINKIANG. SWATOW.
FOOCHOW. TIENSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places and sells Drafts and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED on DEPOSITS.
3% per Annum. Fixed Deposits for 3 months.

4% per Annum. Fixed Deposits for 6 months.

5% per Annum. Fixed Deposits for 12 months.

E. W. RUTTER,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898. [123]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Paid up Capital \$200,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors—

Chau Kit Shan, Esq.

Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

D. Gillies, Esq.

J. T. Lauts, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1899. [13]

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI ... Valetta	J. F. Jephson	About 1st Sept.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c., Chusan	E. Street	Noon, and Sept.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN ... Rohilla*	S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	2nd Sept.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON ... Formosa	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	About 7th Sept.	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN ... Candia*	W. H. Haughton, R.N.R.	About 13th Sept.	Freight only. * Passing through the Inland Sea.

* See Special Advertisement.

For further particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th August, 1899.

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Intimations.

Again We Press Forward to Greater Achievements, to Mightier Efforts. We Will Inaugurate the Monumental Master-Stroke of Our Career.

WATKINS, LIMITED,

challenge the world to produce any equal or parallel to the splendid and inspiring values now offered, gathered by master minds through the gigantic power of SPOT CASH—demoralizing and scattering to the four winds the last hope of the so-called cutters, creating unspeakable agony in the minds of competitors and unspeakable delight to the thousands of our customers who, through our existence, are saving thousands of dollars each and every year. Figures will not lie and facts are indisputable.

We Have the Power and the Will, the Capital and the Energy, to Offer Goods at Prices Which We Defy and Dare any Competition to Match.

We fearlessly throw down the gauntlet to any competition to meet this wonderful array of bargains and defiantly raise our flag on high upon which is written in bold and commanding manner the sentence.

"WE CHALLENGE ALL COMPETITION."

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT, OF THE CONCERNED, ON MONDAY, the 28th August, 1899,

At 11 A.M.,
At Kowloon Docks Premises.

ASBESTOS METALLIC PACKING AND ASBESTOS, PARAGON, GARLOCK, AND TUCKS PACKING, OLD MANILA ROPE, ARMORED, PLAIN AND COTTON HOSES, BALL LAMP COTTON, LAMP WICKS, GRINDSTONES and a Large Quantity of OAK TIMBER weighing about 14,540 lbs., &c., &c., &c.

A Steam Launch will leave Pedder's Wharf at 10:30 A.M. to convey intending Purchasers.

TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers,

Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [168]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NO. 453.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 28th day of August, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th August, 1899. [1657a]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 28th day of August, 1899, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Kowloon Point in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor to Her Majesty—the Queen for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

NO. OF SALE.	REGISTRY NO.	LOCALITY.	BOUNDARY MEASUREMENTS.	CONTENTS IN SQUARE FEET.	GENERAL REMARKS.
Kowloon Island Land No. Spec.	99	99 100 100 100 100 100	6,000 70 70 70 70 70	6,000 70 70 70 70 70	

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from the Captain Superintendent of Police to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON TUESDAY, the 29th August, 1899, at 11 A.M.

At CENTRAL POLICE STATION.

(Instead of as previously advertised.)

A LARGE QUANTITY OF SURPLUS STORES.

ALSO,

224 MAUSER RIFLES, 14 MUSSLE LOADING RIFLES, 34 REVOLVERS, RIFLE and REVOLVER AMMUNITION, SWORDS, LEAD, COPPER, IRON, SUGAR, RICE, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1899. [1667a]

Hotel.

WINDSOR HOTEL,
HONG KONG.

STRICTLY FIRST CLASS.

PASSENGER ELAVATOR from ENTRANCE HALL to each floor. BOARD and LODGING.

MONTHLY RATES GIVEN NOW.

BOHNS.

Proprietors & Managers.

1899.

LADIES.

We can always well supply your every need from day to day.

If you doubt it, come and try at

"WHITELEY'S OF THE FAR CATHAY."

Ex. "FORMOSA."

New Millinery, &c., Latest Novelties in Ladies Apparel.

W. POWELL & CO.

Immed. Opposite P. O., 1st floor.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1899. [168]

To-day's
Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Sales Rooms, Zeland Street, No. 2, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th August, 1899, Commencing at 2.30 P.M., A QUANTITY OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—

DRAWING ROOM, DINING ROOM and BED ROOM FURNITURE of every Description, HATSTANDS, ICECHESTS, IRON BEDSTEADS, PICTURES, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, CUTLERY, PLATED WARE, &c. & c.

ALSO:

2 TYPEWRITERS.

Several BICYCLES.

3 PIANOS.

On View at the Undersigned's, on TUESDAY, Catalogues issued Prior to Sale.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

PAUL BREWITT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [1086a]

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, on FRIDAY, the 1st September, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [1086a]

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING AND DYEING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Managers on SATURDAY, the 1st September, at NOON, for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Consulting Committee, and Statement of Accounts to the 31st July, 1899, also for the consideration of the following EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION, which will be submitted to the Meeting:— "That in Paragraph 2, Clause XVI., in Articles of Association, the figures '\$1,000,000' be substituted for '\$100,000.' JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [1085a]

WANTED.

AN EUROPEAN BOOK-KEEPER A thoroughly conversant with BOOK-KEEPING in English. Apply personally, S. J. DAVID & CO., 3rd Floor, Queen's Building, Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [1087a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA."

Captain Douglas will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at 8 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [1081a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINKIANG."

Captain Vaughan will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [1088a]

Entimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

MANUFACTURERS OF
AERATED WATERS.

AERATED WATERS of our manufacture are sold throughout the Far East and are invariably preferred on account of their excellence.

ABSOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed. The best materials only are used.

THE PRICES are only half those charged in England.

WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are acknowledged by the leading English makers to be equal to those of their own production.

Sir Edward Frankland, K.C.B., D.C.L., F.R.S., F.C.S., &c., the greatest living authority on Water, reports as follows on the water as prepared and used by us for manufacture:—

"It possesses an extremely high degree of organic purity and is of most excellent quality for drinking."

A. S. WATSON & CO., Limited,
QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1899.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE TRANSVAAL QUESTION.

LONDON, August 24th.

The text of the Transvaal's reply has reached the Colonial Office but nothing has transpired in London regarding the contents. Cape Telegrams, however, confirm yesterday's and add that President Kruger demands the abandonment of the British Sovereignty.

The Royal Munster Fusiliers and the Manchester Regiment have sailed for the Cape.

AMERICAN TRADE IN CHINA.

Mr. Conger on board the warship *Princeton* will visit the ports of China to investigate the decrease in American trade.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—

On the 26th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has fallen on the E. coast of China, risen in S. China and over the Philippines. High pressure extends from the Pacific S. of Japan, to the coasts of S. China, with lower pressure over N. China and the Gulf of Tongking. Gradients slight for E. winds in S. China. FORECAST: Moderate E. winds; shower.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We hear that H.M.S. *Tweed* and torpedo-boat No. 26 are to be commissioned for service on the West River in order to suppress piracy.

A COOLIE was injured by a fall of masonry, this morning, in a building opposite the Alice Memorial Hospital, which is in course of being pulled down.

The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:—

PROGRAMME.

March	"Queen's Guard".....	William.
Overture.....	W. Dadd.	Burlesque.
"Doodly-Doo".....		Gloves.
Telephone Girl.....		Lieut.
Intermezzo, "On the road to Moscow".....		Jones.
"Jetta".....		Poka.
God save the Queen.....		

It is rumoured in shipping circles that a small launch which sailed from Hongkong under command of Captain Lawrence, about seven days ago, bound for Iloilo via Manila has not reached Manila, although the launch *San Francisco* (Capt. Raymond) which left for Manila about the same time reached her destination in three days.

The concert at the Volunteer Headquarters has been postponed on account of the weather.

The Volunteers appear to be perfect Jonathans as regards rain, but it takes a lot to damp their spirits and, although the clerk of the weather so often frustrates their designs, when the concert does come off we can assure our readers that it will be well worth hearing.

This practical utility of search-lighting was demonstrated last night for the edification of the Hongkong Engineer Volunteers. Lights burning all night from Stone-Cutters and Blacker's foots. Attacks were made by the Submarine Mining boats *Solent* and *Miner* but in every case proved abortive. The operations proved most interesting and were greatly appreciated by the members present.

We hear that matters have grown so lively between the carpenters' Guild and the Dock carpenters that extra police have been drafted to Hung Hom to prevent disturbances. There are several stories about, but we gather that the dispute has arisen over the raising of the subscription to the guild, the Dock carpenters objecting to the imposition and the guild-taking umbrage. Employers of Chinese labour frequently put us to serious inconvenience by the guilds and we hope that the present dispute will not affect the Dock Co.

The Mount Austin Entertainment last night was well attended except the front seats, the contiguous downpour of rain making them sparsely filled. Dr. Harley, the mystic, was largely in evidence with new and startling experiments enlivened with a flow of epigrammatic talk on things in general. This was followed by a concert, Mr. Harry Aldridge, Mr. Verte and Mr. Burke, appearing with success. The screaming Farce sketch, "Prince for an hour" supported by Messrs. Harley, Hart, Verte and some members of the R.W.F. wound up a very enjoyable evening. We hope soon to see Dr. Harley on the lower levels.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, Friday, August 25th.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their weekly share report, state:—The chief feature during the week has been an advance in Hongkong and Whampoa Docks, and in most Marine Insurance Stocks, and a decline in China Sugars, Douglas Steamships, Indo Chinas, and Hongkong Electric. Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been sold in small parcels at 362 and 361 per cent premium ex dividend of £1.10/- on the 22nd instant, and close with sellers at 360 per cent premium. The London quotation is £16/- 17. 6. Nationals have been done at 323 and are firm at the rate. Marine Insurances—Unions are required for at \$260 with very few shares changing hands. China Traders are quiet with sellers at \$62. Yangtze are wanted at \$173. Cantons have improved their position and have been taken off the market at \$1471 and \$150. North Chinas are in request at Tls. 200. Fire Insurances—Hongkong Fires have been done at \$323. Shipping—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have ruled steady with a good number of purchases at \$32. Indo Chinas have not maintained their position and have been sold at declining rates down to \$68. China and Manilas are steady at \$34. Douglas Steamships have suffered a reaction and are offering at \$56. Star Ferries have strengthened and sales have been effected at \$71 and \$73. Refineries—China Sugars continue out of favour and are obtainable at \$152. Lusona have been done at \$54. Mining—Punjoms are weak with sellers at \$10. Charbonnages are a trade firm and can be placed at \$12. Green Mines have been fixed at 50 cents. Johnnies have found buyers at \$11. Raubis have

sold at 50 cents wanted at \$60. Oliver have again come into favour and the "B" shares have been placed at \$65, \$66, \$67 and \$68. Great Eastern and Caledonian have been sold at \$31. Docks, Wharves and Godowns—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have experienced a very sharp rise and have been taken off the market at advancing rates up to 50 per cent premium, ex the dividend and bonus of \$25 paid on the 2nd instant. Kowloon Wharf shares have been in some demand and have been booked at \$64, \$65 and \$66. Wan Chai Warehouses are enquired for at \$45. Land, Hotels and Buildings—Hongkong Lands have hardened and have been done at \$100 and \$106. Kowloon Lands have buyers at \$29. West Points have been negotiated at \$35. Hongkong Hotels have ruled very firm and have been taken off the market at \$171, \$173 and \$178 ex the dividend of \$3 paid on the 2nd instant. Humphrey's Estate are quiet with sellers at \$60. China Providents have been sold and are offering at \$10. Cotton Mills—Ewes have again changed hands at Tls. 67. Miscellaneous—Green Island Convents are offered at \$33 and \$34; are quiet at \$31. China Boxes have been placed at \$10. A. S. Watsons are slightly easier and have changed hands at \$17. Electrics are quiet with sellers at \$13. Ices have been done at \$130 and are wanted.

We are indebted to Mr. Williams, Chief Officer, for the particulars we have been able to give and also to the courtesy of the crew, in showing us the amount of damage done, which we are pleased to say, all things considered, is exceptionally slight, and includes loss of a gig and a small boat. The sand which composed her ballast has not even been washed into the skin of the ship nor injured her pumps. It is with the greatest pleasure that we are able to give an account of the terrible dangers and hardships that are bravely endured by the British seamen and to compliment both Captain Huestes and his crew on the able manner in which they brought their ship through the storm, without the loss of a single life. We must be pardoned for not making mention of the lady until last, but there is no doubt that the calm and heroic fortitude shown by Mrs. Huestes, the Captain's wife, helped greatly to cheer and sustain the crew. We cannot close this account without expressing the hope that the *Stradivari* may have a successful run home, as her run out here in the early nineties.

With reference to my despatch No. 82 of the 1st instant, I have the honour to inform you that on the 2nd instant I proceeded at 2.30 a.m. to Canton in Her Majesty's ship *Fame* and arrived at 10 o'clock, the Vice-Admiral having informed the Consul that he would receive me at 11 a.m. I was accompanied by Mr. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary, and the members of my staff. On proceeding from the Consulate to the Vice-Admiral's Yamen, I found that preparations had been made for my reception that I did not expect. The streets for two miles or so between the Consulate and the Yamen had been washed and cleaned, and were lined with troops throughout the entire distance. There were between 1,600 and 1,800 men, armed with muzzle loaders and rifles of various patterns, in addition to which a large proportion carried revolvers. I noticed that all the arms were quite clean and apparently well kept. The streets were decorated with flags on long poles and there were dense crowds who were perfectly respectful. I was received by the Vice-Admiral with the usual ceremonies and at once entered upon the business of my visit. Mr. Pipios, the Vice-Consul, interpreting most admirably.

After some preliminary observations he remarked that the friendship between England and China had been of long standing, on which I assured him that England was China's best friend, and it was with the most friendly feelings that I had done myself the honour of visiting him to request his immediate attention to certain acts of intimidation and attempts to lead the people of the leased territory astray by an inflammatory placard that had been posted in Hongkong.

Tai-O is a small village dependent upon farming, the land being very fertile, while fishing gives employment to a large number of the inhabitants, there being a mile of fishing stakes a short way out in the harbour, and many of the licensed Hongkong junks make it their headquarters. The villagers were very friendly and willingly took part in the sports that were started in front of the police station, prizes being offered for tug of war teams, running, etc., much amusement being caused by scrambles after Chinese cash and as the natives were struggling after the money, packets of lighted crackers were substituted for cash with the expectation of seeing them run away in this, however, the party were disappointed as the youngsters were not at all afraid but started saving as many of the crackers as they could for future use. After spending a very enjoyable time at Tai-O, the party re-embarked for home, coming back by way of Chang-chau. Unfortunately it was too dark to allow of a landing as was at first arranged, Messrs. Quinn, Watson and others enlivened the journey with songs.

Tai-O ought to become a favourite place among picnickers as the scenery is very fine, the villagers friendly and moreover it is stated that there are deer, wild boar and other game to be had on the island, with these advantages there ought to be no doubt of its future.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

To-day at noon an extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company, Limited, was held at the company's offices, Queen's Buildings, Mr. H. J. Dalrymple occupied the chair, and there were also present the Hon. C. P. Chater, A. G. Wood, C. W. Dickson, (directors) W. H. Wickham (manager), J. T. Veitch, W. S. Bamsey, J. M. Michael, Mr. Forbes, E. G. Emmet, R. R. Roberts, Mr. Shum Lun, N. Nurnford, and Baptista.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, we have invited you to attend here to-day to ask your adoption of the Resolution which has been read by our Manager and which has been published in the local papers for over two weeks.

Your Directors have carefully considered the best means of meeting future expenditure, necessary in the extension of our working area, and for the development of the Company's business in the colony, and the proposed Resolution is the outcome of their deliberations. I trust you will view the proposal in a favorable light and sanction the increase of Capital on the lines set forth.

It is intended for the present only to call up \$300 per share and that at an early date, the balance by instalments, as required from time to time: such further calls are not likely to be made for sometime to come, but whilst asking for an increase of Capital, in view of the very probable accession to the demand for increased lighting in the near future, your Directors have thought it prudent to seek powers to straightway double the original capital rather than to increase it by smaller sums, as required for the working of the Company. The new Capital will be on exactly the same basis as the old Capital, and will rank for dividend according to the amount from time to time paid up on such shares.

I do not think I could take up more of your time to-day, but before putting the Resolution to this meeting I shall be pleased to furnish any information shareholders may require connected with the object for which you have been called together.

No question being asked, the following resolution was passed on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Veitch:—

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$600,000 by the issue of 30,000 New Shares of \$20 each which shall be considered part of the Original Capital and be subject to the provisions in the Articles of Association contained with reference to calls, transfer, transmission, lien, surrender, voting power and other rights and that the Directors be authorized to issue such New Shares at par.

2. That the said New Shares be offered to the persons who on the 10th day of September, 1899, shall be the Registered Members of the Existing Shares in the proportion of a New Share for each Existing Share held by them.

The Chairman said: That is all we have to say.

We shall require a meeting about the middle of October to consider the proposed resolution of the Chairman, and to take such other

AS YOU LIKE IT.

"What shall we have that killed the beast?"—"Blow thou whith fire."—"The two famous old songs so dear to the English heart will be sung at the open-air performance of 'As You Like It' on the Volunteer Parade ground next Thursday night by Messrs. G. H. Lamont and W. E. Schmidt, 'The Royal Welsh Fusiliers' Band will give a concert at 8.30 p.m. after which they will play the incidental music in the

the gun were required for the

Regiment

drove back

from hill to hill and working admirably

the Indian Frontier fighting men, they

took full advantage of cover while continuing

the pursuit of the foe.

Had this advance not been conducted with

great care the loss to our troops must have

been heavy.

The Chinese fired almost incessantly for 11

hours, pouring in round shot 31 inches in

diameter from muzzle loaders and dropping

metraille fire all about our men. Fortunately

the configuration of the country favoured cover

and our casualties were few. I regret to say

that Major Brown, R.A.M.C., was slightly

wounded in the right upper arm by a spent

bullet. He returned to camp at 11 p.m. making light of his wound, which rendered

his return to Hongkong necessary, and which

I hope has been very painful.

Captain Berger's force captured 3 guns and

utterly routed the Chinese who fled over the

Lam Tsun Pass and on to Sheung Tsun at

the head of the Pat Heung Valley, where Berger

still pursued, lost touch with them, and bivouacked for the night.

At 8 p.m. Captain Simmonds sent me a mes-

senger asking for food for 3 British Officers

and 120 Indian soldiers, also for one blanket

per man. I sent these things by coolies under a

fairly strong escort. At 8.30 p.m. Berger ap-

plied for ammunition by signal message. I

saw that he must have ammunition at all costs

as he was in the heart of the enemy's country,

so I got 40 soldiers of the Hongkong Regiment,

11 Sikh policemen and all the coolies I could

muster and despatched the lot under Mr. May,

Captain Superintendent of Police, who had very

kindly volunteered to proceed in charge.

My camp had now only 16 soldiers left in it,

so I signalled to Commander Davison, R.N., of

Her Majesty's Ship "Amund" in the harbour, to

land an armed party for its protection. This

request was promptly acceded to and I felt that

"Flagstaff Hill" and the Queen's Standard were

safe.

At about 10 p.m. firing ceased. I sent an

order to Berger that he must not move beyond

his bivouac unless he could co-operate with a

force that I thought possibly might be sent out

to Castle Peak at daybreak on the 18th ultimo.

I sent Your Excellency a signal message

reporting particulars up to date. I also wrote

in detail the particulars of the previous evening's

action so far as they were known to me, and

despatched the letter next morning.

At daybreak on the 18th April, after consulta-

tion with Mr. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretery, I determined to push on to Sheung Tsun to join Berger, for I knew that the

Insurgent Forces had all gone West and that

the scene of action had shifted from Tai Po

to the Pat Heung Valley. I informed

Commander Davison, R.N., of my intention

and nominated Major Roe, A.S.C., as the

Officer in Military Command of the base.

At 7 a.m. a portion of Berger's troops were

seen returning to camp, he having left Barrett

with a detachment at Sheung Tsun. He had

come in to get food and blankets for his men

and ammunition. The men had a square meal

after which we started, accompanied by Stewart

Lockhart, and pushing on rapidly reached

Sheung Tsun where we found Barrett all safe. A few rounds from guns had

been fired at his men in the early morning,

but no attack had been made on his position.

On the march we passed through the Lam

Tsui Valley, where Captain Berger pointed

out to me the details of the previous evening's

engagement; he explained the lossess of

many casualties to our force by the fact that

the Chinese kept firing in the direction of the

mountain path, believing that troops would

not be able to move over the steep hill sides.

They little knew the soldiers of the Hongkong Regiment. When they found out their mistake they became so disconcerted that

their fire was wild and practically harmless.

On my way to Sheung Tsun I sent a message to Simmonds to join me with two guns at that place. The other two guns were at Tai Po Camp.

Reviewing this little action, I desire to bring

to Your Excellency's notice the admirable

manner in which Captain Berger of the Hongkong Regiment handled the Infantry Force.

I had at first believed that he had pushed on too

far from his base and never feared that the

Chinese might have drawn him into an ambus-

cade; but reflection and a review of the situ-

ation convinced me that he was quite right.

Some seven years' acquaintance with the Chi-

inese character and the poor efforts that the

enemy had made on the previous day, together

with the knowledge that they were not well

armed, must have shown him that the true

tactics in dealing with a Chinese force were to

attack and pursue till their flight had made

immediate concentration for concerted action

impossible.

Lieutenant Barrett also fulfilled his duties

with ability and courage.

As for the Indian Officers and soldiers of the

Hongkong Regiment, their courage and

Military bearing under a heavy fire deserve

the highest praise and their natural qualities

of hillmen have made them admirable soldiers for

frontier warfare in this mountainous region.

Captain Simmonds' force of 4 guns with

escort unfortunately took no part in the evening's

action, having gone to Fan Ling under a mis-

taken apprehension of the enemy's intention;

his guns replied to the enemy's in the early

part of the day when to Tai Po Camp, and

compelled the enemy to move his Artillery from

the Wa Mi hills.

It is impossible to render even an approxi-

mate estimate of the enemy's casualties, for

Chinamen always carry away their wounded

and dead.

Arrived at Sheung Tsun I found that the

Hongkong Regiment had taken possession of

a courtyard spacious enough to hold 1000

soldiers in which they had put dry straw and

had made themselves very comfortable.

Some had been without much food for nearly a

day but speedily made up for lost time by

bringings in their rations.

About 7.30 in the morning it was made known to me that a large party of Chinamen had been approaching. On examining the distance I saw a

goodly number in the distance evidently

intent on attacking us. I ordered Captain

Berger to make preparations to receive these

people, dressing them in fresh troops' dress,

and sending out the guard to be held in

reserve in quarters. In a short time Berger

had posted his men in their allotted positions

and we awaited the enemy's advance. He

came on in three lines and in fairly regular

formation over a perfectly level plain, dry

and dusty. A couple of hundred yards apart

they advanced, the noise of their

gongs, the unearthly noise of their instru-

ments, and the shouting of a number of voices,

many of them cracked. Now, the Govern-

ment provides the hospital for the benefit of

the community, a great boon it is, too, and I

think the ruling powers should exert them-

selves to enable inmates of the institute to

obtain a good supply of food for the troops.

Many patients are so ill as to be unable to

eat the least possible but this ding-dong in the streets goes on incessantly from about 8 p.m. to 12, and the patients fail to get to sleep until after midnight; again, when they have just dropped off into a sound sleep they are wakened in the early hours of the morning by more shouting.

Dr. Atkinson refers to the

Mr. Atkinson's matter in his annual report as

"Afar back as 1891 when he

says—"

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General Negrier's Dismissal.

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General de Negrier, who was removed by

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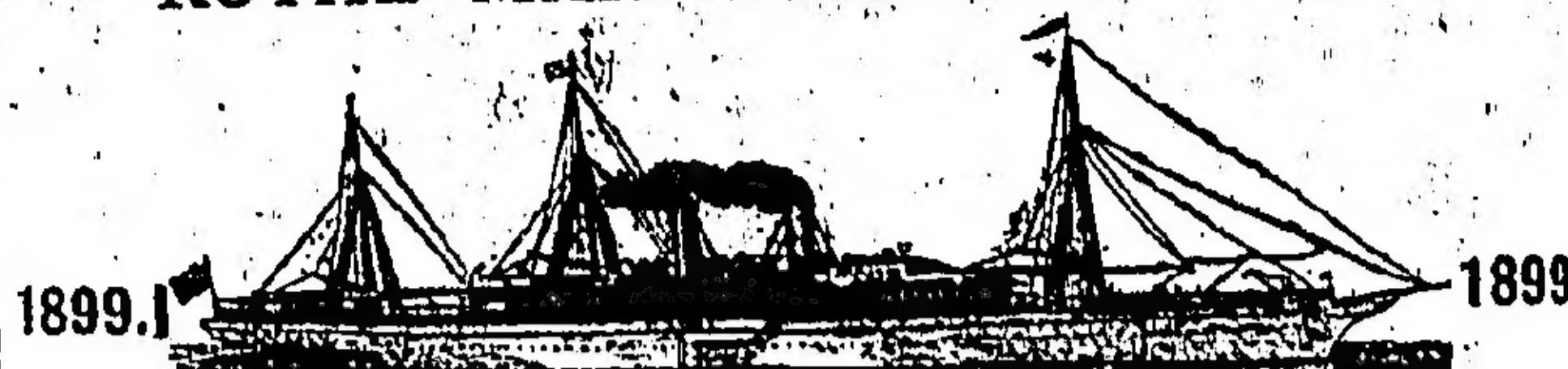
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PART II.

Yvonne started, opened her eyes, and looked with surprise at her weird surroundings; she had slept soundly on the straw mattress which Lao, the gendarme, after vainly waiting for the Maire's return, had brought last night into her cell.

As the sunlight streamed in, over the gilt, remembered all that had happened, and her determination to save Gildas. An uneasy whisper suggested that this could only be done by a falsehood; but Yvonne was swayed by her feelings. She would save Gildas, and, somehow, he would thank her for her courage.

In the afternoon Lao, the gendarme, came and led her into the justice-room, where Monsieur Serret examined offenders.

The room was long, narrow, and ill-kept, the atmosphere close and unpleasant. Monsieur Serret, a small cheerful man, looked grave when Yvonne was placed in a little compartment in front of his desk.

A tall, wizened-faced clerk sat at the lower desk on the right, but there was no one else present besides the two gendarmes.

"Yvonne Carhaix,"—the Mayor spoke slowly, and tried to make his voice imperative—"you are accused by your grandmother, Barbe Carhaix, of having taken wine and food and the sum of two hundred francs her property, sometime in the night of Thursday last. Your grandmother is too ill to appear. When I have examined you I shall proceed to take her personal deposition. Now what have you to say in your defence?"

Yvonne looked straight at the magistrate. "I have nothing to say, Monsieur le Maire."

Monsieur Serret stared at her; he opened his mouth and puffed his cheeks till his face looked as round as a full moon.

"What do you mean, child? Take care what you say. Do you mean to believe you took four francs?"—he read from a paper on his desk—three full-sized loaves, two skins of lard, five bottles of wine, besides a score or so of galettes. This is impossible, Yvonne."

The girl reddened. She felt shocked at herself; the sound of her own falsehood had deeply shamed her; she saw her judge's face change. While she hesitated, he spoke again, severely:

"I say to you, take care what you say. I believe you are trying to screen someone else. If you took these things, where are they, what have you done with them; someone must have helped you; who was it?"

Yvonne's sharp wits came back to her; she saw that the magistrate suspected, and that everything depended on her answer.

She fixed her eyes on him coolly, he thought insensibly.

"Monsieur must pardon me, but he is mistaken. I told the things to please myself; no one helped me; I wished to spite my grandmother; she had offended me."

The Maire had often spoken to Yvonne, and he had seen that the bright pretty girl did not lead a happy life with old Madame Carhaix. He repressed a smile at this childish explanation and then remembered that the prisoner was charged with having stolen money as well as food and wine.

He looked very serious as he said:

"What have you done with the money and the other things?"

"I gave them away. You have only to ask my grandmother, Monsieur, she will tell you that I gave food to beggars without leave; I have scolded me for doing this."

Yvonne had said this quickly, like a lesson learnt by rote. The Maire looked incredulous. "Beggars do not come to a house at night," he said, "unless they are dishonest beggars. You must tell me to whom you have given these things."

Yvonne shrugged her slender shoulders, she saw that her story was not believed.

"I gave them to strangers. It is a pity Monsieur will not believe me. I am guilty, I alone am guilty of this theft, I am. I say that I alone am ready to be punished for it."

She pressed her lips together and looked defiant. She thought the magistrate was making it very hard for her when he saw her shake his head with the same incredulous look on his face.

He presently turned to the gendarmes, and said, "Remove the prisoner."

"I must send you to Quimper," he said to Yvonne, "unless I can persuade your grandmother to withdraw her charge. If you go up for trial your case will I-fairly be tried early next week, and as you make no defense, judgment will be given at once."

The girl bent her head, and she was led back to her cell; the excitement was over, and she felt miserable.

Yvonne's resolution lasted, and it sustained her in her slow and lothful journey to Quimper. It lasted through the trial, which was over much sooner than she had expected. The judge brought a deep flush into her cheeks by his comments on the sturdy deportment of the prisoner, one of the worst points against her being, he said, Madame Carhaix's refusal to withdraw the charge, though strongly urged to do so by Monsieur Serret, the Mayor of Audierne. The girl tried to appear unmoved, but the flushed, and she grew pale walls the judge pronounced a sentence of solitary confinement for one year. This term, he said, might be greatly shortened by the penitence and sustained good conduct of the prisoner.

The trial was over, and Yvonne stood waiting to be taken to the prison in which this was to spend her term of punishment. The stone passage room, in which she waited with a gendarme on either side, opened on to the huge waiting-hall, called "Salle des Pas Perdus." This hall was filled by people coming in from the street; those who waited, and by a stream of others issuing from the court.

Yvonne saw Pleyben, and she remembered the strong, and Julia came close up to her. "Yvonne, shake hands," he said, but she did not turn away so abruptly from his earnest pleading, as that he drew back again into the crowd.

At once Yvonne's heart sank from the surrounding crowd, and him near her, and for a moment the sight of her pale face kept her eyes fixed as though she had laid a spell on him. He suddenly clasped both hands to his sister, and then without a word disappeared through the great doorway.

The girl entered back again, and was glad to see again the thirty well-behaved children through the iron door that closed behind her.

She was not lonely, for her mother came from the surrounding crowd, and him near her, and for a moment the sight of her pale face kept her eyes fixed as though she had laid a spell on him. He suddenly clasped both hands to his sister, and then without a word disappeared through the great doorway.

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"Do you mean, Gildas, that you consider me guilty?"

She kept her eyes fixed on him.

Gildas tried to free himself from that mute questioning appeal, but the pathetic gaze held him.

"Do you wish me to doubt the wisdom of the judge's sentence?" but he hesitated as he spoke.

The girl gasped, and then fell back, letting her head sink against the wall—the she had fainting spells.

"Great heavens! Gildas cried, and he hurried to the door of the cell. His only idea was to hurry away to summon help, but he had not even time to look at her before he had to go. He had not been long gone when Yvonne saw Pleyben again, and she remembered the strong, and Julia came close up to her.

"Poor little Yvonne," she said with another up-lifted hand, "she had the chance, but she took

young female prisoners; now, and then she set a few alights, but she seemed to have lost all power of work. Her saucy tongue rusted in her mouth silence.

The female warden, Mme. Pollet, was compassionate, and she pitied the child; she believed in Yvonne's innocence.

At stated intervals, which seemed to the girl few and far between, this pitiful warden took her on to some lens where she could get air without any view of what lay beyond the wall of her prison.

At the end of the first month Yvonne tried to rally, she called up her courage, and told herself that though her brother was unworthy of her sacrifice, it had for all that been an act of devotion, and that she had just right to feel proud of it. Yet, she would take her punishment patiently, and at the end of the time she should come out proud of what she had done, and fully entitled to the lasting gratitude of Gildas.

It was late in the afternoon. The day had been intensely hot; a blue-bottle had found its way into her cell, and it buzzed noisily against the smeared window-pane; the girl felt oppressed by a strange restlessness. Earlier in the day she had been trying to picture to herself her return to her grandmother's house, and the old woman's dismay when Gildas proclaimed her a thief. She now tried to quiet her restlessness by recalling this thought; it was no idle fancy; she knew that it must really happen, and the warden had said she might be released sooner than she expected. All at once she shivered, and then crouched into a corner of the cell. Her colour, lessened by the close confinement, faded quite away, her head sank on her breast, she looked like some despairing criminal on her way to the guillotine.

Yvonne had at last seen the truth; she was a liar, and could not go back to Audierne, nor to Dol, for even the good nuns would refuse to receive her because she had avoided her. Gildas looled on a bench and smoked his pipe beside the hearth, now and then exchanging a word or two with his wife who sat at the long table on which she had placed a good-sized looking glass. She was admiring herself while she tried on a bonnet which she had bought in Quimper.

"Vain little fool," the old woman muttered,

"she has a face like an owl, and she wants to dress like a lady. I never wore a bonnet in my life, nor did any other farmer's wife at Audierne."

Tryphène grinned, thereby showing the blackness of her teeth.

"Have you noticed how the ravens croak hereabouts," she asked Gildas, "the old ones worse than the young ones?"

Gildas laughed loudly while he filled his pipe. He looked at his grandmother and saw that she quivered with rage.

"Come out, Tryphène," he said carelessly,

"I want to show you the new Calf."

Tryphène pouted; she had not finished playing with her bonnet, and she kept Gildas waiting several minutes while she replaced it in its tissue paper wrappings and locked it in the big armoire, he key of which she put in her pocket. Then she followed her husband, who waited for her impatiently at the door. As Tryphène moved, one saw that her figure was awry, one shoulder being considerably higher than the other.

"It would be better to die, far better," she said.

It was a cold and snowy night. Yvonne greatly missed the freedom and exercise of her former outdoor life that she could not keep herself warm; she had now passed several months in prison. The judge had said that good conduct might bring accommodation of her sentences and the head warden, who had sent in his report, told Mme. Pollet the girl would be free before many weeks were over.

Mme. Pollet shook her head. "Free, indeed; she said.

"So long as I thought it was only she who had been responsible," she muttered. "But it is not, and Gildas is a fool. My money shall not go to those who mock me."

The old woman's forehead became clammy, and she felt as if she were suffocating from heat.

"No, tell me about her," Tryphène's voice sounded terribly eager.

"It was like this. Grandmother felt as you feel. She wanted to be rid of the girl—and so Babette was put in the mad-house and died there."

The man's voice had sunk almost to a whisper, but Tryphène broke into a shrill laugh.

"Excellent," she said—the old woman heard the sound of a kiss—"who could have thought the little husband so inventive? It shall be done out of hand, and then"—she looked round her.

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Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [1055a]

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Hongkong, 26th August, 1899. [1071a]

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Hongkong, 23rd August, 1899. [1070a]

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Hongkong, 16th August, 1899. [1054a]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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THE Company's Steamship

"STEATOR,"
Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th September.

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Hongkong, 15th August, 1899. [1036a]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

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THE Full-powered Steamship

"PISA,"
will be despatched as above on or about the 15th September.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Agents.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1899. [1038a]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"INDRANI,"
Captain Campbell, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th September.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd August, 1899. [1065a]

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"NANCHANG,"

Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 3rd September.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 24th August, 1899. [1075a]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1899. [1075a]

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FOR MANILA.

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Hongkong, 19th August, 1899. [1030a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
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FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND

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